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1. All former Rumanian officers who are believed to have had contact with the United States or British intelligence services are handed over to the Soviet authorities in Rumania following their arrest. After interrogation by the Russians in Bucharest, several of these officers have reportedly been deported to the USSR, going first to Constanta and then in sealed cars to Odessa. Officers under greatest suspicion are sent to work in the Siberian mines; the remainder are moved to labor camps in the Ukraine or the Moldavian SSR.

2. Among those who are reported to have been sent to Siberia are Lieutenant Colonel Prager, formerly a Rumanian liaison officer with the U.S. Military Representation in Bucharest; Colonel Cristea, former Chief of Section II, Rumanian General Staff; Lieutenant Mengoni, and one Vintilescu. Lieutenant Theodore Negropontes and Lieutenant Nelu Valjean, both former Rumanian liaison officers with USIR, are said to be near Kotovskoo in the Moldavian SSR. In early summer 1949 a letter was received from Lieutenant Valjean, the first news from him in two years, in which he indicated that he and Lieutenant Negropontes were withstanding the life of the labor camp.

3. According to another report dated 8 September, a considerable number of young Rumanian officers who have been arrested recently have been deported to the USSR.

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